

Madison Sustainability Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Members present - Kristen, Taylor, John, Daniel, and Kim listened by phone conference.

Opening Business:

Group discussion pertaining to charrette continued (we omitted this item due to missing committee members and will pick this one up next meeting)

Next charrette date: Kristen asked that each member choose a few dates in mid July that we can send to Jeff for consideration for another charrette opportunity. Please send to Kristen by the end of May. We will continue to work on pieces from the initial charrette at each meeting between now and then in order to have some additional information to take back to Jeff for the next charrette.

New Business:

Energy Grant: Kristen updated group that RFP's would be going out soon and monthly updates will be given on the progress of the City's Energy grant as it progresses.

Kristen let the group know that a group of non-profits from Mobile, AL had expressed interest in using the framework from the Clean The Green festival to build their own environmental festival and asked as a group would we be open to answering their questions related to such events (pulling from our individual experiences with such events, not those necessarily related to Clean the Green only). The group agreed we could field questions from them should they arise.

Glass Recycling: We discussed as a group the article from Sunday's paper and prior internet discussions concerning Allied/SWDA's glass recycling or rather lack of recycling.

Recycling Program at Dublin/Palmer Parks: Many residents have expressed interest in having recycling at our local ballfields/parks through our City's service request program. We thought it would be a good idea to meet with Allied to see if they could facilitate a recycling program for the parks due to the heavy plastics use at each location. Kristen and Taylor will meet with them. Update to follow.

GreenU date set: John updated us that the 2010 date for GreenU is **Saturday, August 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, hosted again by the Huntsville Botanical Garden. He said the festival will be around 85% similar to last year. Events will be more focused and fewer in number. We will be hosting the City of Madison's table again this year. More information to follow as it becomes available.

John brought to the group's attention that the new high school that is being built in Madison is considering environmental/"green" options in its curriculum. They have a rather large space with undecided direction. Taylor offered to introduce our committee and offer our group knowledge should they system need it.

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John discussed with us goals of the Greenbuilding subcommittee on Greenbuilding standards that he chairs. We asked that at our next meeting John give us more information regarding these standards so that we can start to differentiate between the Greenbuilding Standards and LEED Standards.

John also discussed the local business owned by Wilson Lumber but located in Madison that is open to marketing itself as a "green" business. They have a great track record with numbers to back them. We look forward to watching their emergence "marketing-wise" as a sustainable business located in Madison.

Update as of 05/12/10: Taylor and Kristen met with Allied's General Manager Tuesday(05/11) and as of this Friday(05/14), recycling will be available at Palmer Park. Recycling bins will be placed next to garbage cans with appropriate signage. Eblasts to all athletic associations that utilize the park will also go out to increase awareness of the new service.